

SECRET (XGDS)

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TALKING POINTS

1. You might ask Mr. Colby to brief on the military situation and on what CIA knows of the outcome at the Algiers conference.
2. You may wish to bring the principals up to date on the following elements of your diplomatic strategy:

--Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Israel have been asked to concur in a draft US-USSR letter to Waldheim stating their readiness to attend the peace conference on December 17 or 18.

--The rationale for convening the peace conference as soon as possible is to give Sadat an early reason for not resuming hostilities and Faisal some peg on which to hang a relaxation in the oil embargo. It is understood that substantive progress will be unlikely until after the Israeli election.

--It is our thought that the first issue on the agenda will be the disengagement of military forces. The conference itself will then determine what additional parties might be represented (Lebanon, Palestinians).

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

--Since we will have to wait until after the formation of a new Israeli government for any substantive progress, assuming elections take place on schedule, it seems likely that the first major decisions would only be formulated toward the end of January or into February.

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